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The following motion was made:</p> </div> <div data-bbox="483 808 917 1034" data-label="Text"> <p>MOTION: TO SEND THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON INDEPENDENTLY MOUNTED SMALL WIND TURBINES: - ON TOWERS WHERE THERE ARE PARKS, RESOURCE CONSERVATION AREAS, OR OTHER OPEN SPACE AREAS, A BUFFER OR RELATED MECHANISM BE INCORPORATED (INTO THE PROJECT DESIGN) TO MINIMIZE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO BIRDS AND BATS IN THOSE AREAS; AND - TO MAKE THE HEIGHT LIMITS OF TURBINES CONSISTENT WITH THE HEIGHT LIMIT OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN, AND IF IT GOES OVER THE HEIGHT LIMIT, THEN COMMUNITY REVIEW BE REQUIRED. The motion passed 13-0-0-2, with 2 members absent.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="436 1068 512 1089" data-label="Text"> <p>Sincerely,</p> </div> <div data-bbox="459 1086 634 1167" data-label="Text"> </div> <div data-bbox="436 1162 690 1201" data-label="Caption"> <p>JIM PIVA, Chair Ramona Community Planning Group</p> </div> <div data-bbox="966 773 1005 794" data-label="Text"> <p>G-1</p> </div> <div data-bbox="966 888 1008 909" data-label="Text"> <p>G-2</p> </div> <div data-bbox="966 987 1008 1010" data-label="Text"> <p>G-3</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="1190 191 1770 233" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>Response to Comment Letter G</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="1186 267 1774 306" data-label="Text"> <p>Ramona Community Planning Group,</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1402 311 1554 345" data-label="Text"> <p>Jim Piva</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1323 354 1629 389" data-label="Text"> <p>December 19, 2011</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1050 428 1117 462" data-label="Text"> <p>G-1</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1186 428 1925 545" data-label="Text"> <p>This introductory comment establishes that the Ramona Community Planning Group (CPG) motion is related to small wind turbines.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1050 584 1117 618" data-label="Text"> <p>G-2</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1186 584 1927 1377" data-label="Text"> <p>The comment requests that buffers or related mechanisms be included if small turbines affect parks, resource conservation areas (RCAs), or other open space areas. These issues were discussed during the Planning Commission hearing process. At the hearings, the Commission and staff considered ways to minimize environmental effects while still achieving objective #4 to “streamline and clarify the approval process for the development and operation of small wind turbines.” Based on Planning Commission direction, Section 6951.a.1.ii of the proposed ordinance has been updated to include setbacks from watercourses, wetland vegetation, significant bat roosts, and open space easements/preserves. In addition, there are many other restrictions in Section 6951 for small turbines (e.g., ridgeline prohibition, design requirements, golden eagle nest buffer, ground disturbance limitations, etc.). Additional buffers from features such as parks or RCAs would be cumbersome to the permitting process and would conflict with objective #4.</p> </div>
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Reponses to Comments

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